

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9-13, 15-22, 24-28, and 33 are pending. Claims 1, 3-6, 9-13, 15-22, 24, 26-28, and 33 have been allowed. The indication of allowed claims is noted with appreciation. Claims 2 and 25 have been rejected. Claims 2 and 25 have been canceled. Claims 43 and 44 have been added. Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1, 3-6, 9-13, 15-22, 24, 26-28, 33, 43 and 44 in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Rejection of Claims 2 and 25

Claims 2 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 2 and 25 have been canceled. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

New Claims 43 and 44

The Examiner's helpful suggestion regarding rewriting Claims 2 and 25 in independent form is noted with appreciation. Claims 43 and 44 have been added. Claim 43 is a rewrite of Claim 2 and incorporates the recitation of Claim 1. Claim 44 is a rewrite of Claim 25 and incorporates the recitation of Claim 24. Claims 43 and 44 are believed to be allowable.

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Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and foregoing remarks, applicant believes that Claims 1, 3-6, 9-13, 15-22, 24, 26-28, 33, 43, and 44 are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicant's attorney at 206.695.1755.

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